

The City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, and the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board invite you to attend a workshop meeting at Loyola Marymount University to discuss jurisdictional group responsibilities and strategies for complying with the wet-weather bacterial TMDL for Santa Monica Bay beaches. The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 29, 2003, from 8:30 AM to 12:00 noon.

A "save the date" announcement will be mailed next week, followed two weeks prior to the workshop date by a letter with a detailed agenda and driving directions.

#### Background:

The Regional Water Quality Control Board adopted the SMB Bacteria TMDL - Wet Weather on December 12, 2002. The TMDL arranged impacted municipalities and agencies into seven jurisdictional groups, based on percent land area in each of several subwatersheds discharging to Santa Monica Bay. Your municipality or agency is included in one or more of these jurisdictional groups (see attachment), or your group may be an interested stakeholder without direct jurisdictional responsibilities.

All jurisdictions within a subwatershed are jointly responsible for complying with this TMDL. A report detailing how this will be accomplished is due to the Regional Board 20 months after US EPA approves this TMDL. This approval is expected in April or May 2003. Additionally, a coordinated monitoring plan is to be submitted to the Regional Board 120 days after US EPA approves this TMDL.

A pre-workshop meeting was held at the Hyperion Treatment Plant on February 25, 2003, involving representatives from all seven jurisdictional groups. At least some of the jurisdictional groups have met individually also. Because compliance with this TMDL will require coordinated and joint efforts by various jurisdictions, it was determined that, at least in the initial stages of planning for compliance with this TMDL, meetings involving representatives from all of the responsible jurisdictions and other interested stakeholders should occur quarterly.

The tasks required to achieve compliance with this TMDL are anticipated to be enormous and the time frame limited; therefore, we need to begin now to develop a cooperative, unified approach to this TMDL. Input from all stakeholders is critical to maximize agreement on the compliance plan(s) approved by the Regional Board. The goal is to identify and agree on compliance approaches that will lead to meeting the water quality objectives of this TMDL.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this workshop. For further information, please contact Donna Toy-Chen, TMDL Section Manager, at (213) 473-8567, or Dr. Gerald McGowen, Water Biologist III, at (213) 473-8561.

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